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The Honorable Ronnie A. Yoder Chief Administrative Law Judge Office of Hearings, M-20 U.S. Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. East Building, Ground Floor Room E12-320 Washington DC 20590

Re: In the Matters of Transland, Inc., Brian Wilson, Charles Roberts, Christopher Carter, James DeJonge, Michael Slaughter, and Alfonso Gonzales

Docket Nos. FMCSA-2006-25348, 25349, 25350, 25351, 25352, 25353, and 25354 (Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration)

Dear Judge Yoder:

Enclosed please find the Field Administrator's Objection to Transland, Inc.'s motion for leave to supplement its reply to the Field Administrator's prehearing brief.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

John C. Bell

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FIELD ADMINISTRATOR'S OBJECTION TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO SUPPLEMENT REPLY OF RESPONDENT TRANSLAND, INC. TO FIELD ADMINISTRATOR'S PREHEARING BRIEF

The Field Administrator for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ("FMCSA"), Midwestern Service Center, by and through his undersigned attorney, respectfully objects to Transland, Inc.'s motion for leave to supplement its reply to the Field Administrator's prehearing brief, and states as follows:

In its motion, Transland, Inc. ("Respondent") seeks to place before this tribunal an unsigned March 9, 2009 memorandum purportedly written by an employee of Qualcomm Enterprise Services to employees of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Respondent characterizes this memorandum as "relevant in that it deals with the feasibility and appropriateness of using GPS data to audit logs for regulatory enforcement."

This tribunal's direction to the parties during the December 17, 2008 prehearing teleconference was to submit a brief setting forth the legal standard for finding that a motor

carrier is liable for false reports of records of duty status by its drivers. A Qualcomm Enterprise Services employee's opinion has no bearing on the legal standard to be applied in this matter; indeed, the topic addressed in the prehearing brief is not even the subject of the memorandum.

Respondent had the opportunity to file its brief on the standard of liability. Further, it had an opportunity to respond to the Field Administrator's brief. It now seeks to somehow bolster its position by including a memorandum that sheds no light on the standard for finding a motor carrier liable for false reports of records of duty status by its drivers.

WHEREFORE, the Field Administrator respectfully requests that Respondent's motion for leave to supplement its reply to the Field Administrator's prehearing brief be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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